

**Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure:**

In the originally filed abstract on page 31, please delete the heading "Abstract" and insert a new heading as follows:

[Abstract]

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

What is described is a gas-tight, preferably oxygen-tight food package comprising an annular peripheral flange, which is lined on the inside with a plastic film, in particular a compound plastic film, and the inner cavity of which is closed off or sealed over the peripheral flange such as to be gas-tight, in particular oxygen-tight, by means of a lid film. For improving manufacturing properties while ensuring lasting gas-tightness of the package, a tray part (40) forming the package bottom (41) and at least partly the side walls (43; 443) is provided, on which a collar forming the peripheral flange (52) is placed.

**Amendments to the Drawing:**

The attached 16 sheets of drawing containing FIGS. 1-18 includes changes to FIGS. 1, 8, 12, 12A and 17. In FIG. 1, "Modul I" and "Modul II" have been changed to --- Module I --- and --- Module II ---. In FIGS. 8 and 12, "Heftpunkt" has been changed to --- tack weld ---. In FIG. 12A, "Siegelfläche" has been changed to --- flat seal ---. In FIG. 17, number 440 has been added to designate the tray part as mentioned in line 25 on page 24 of the original specification.

Attachment:               Sixteen Sheets Containing FIGS. 1-18  
                              Annotated Sheets of FIGS. 1, 8, 12, 12A and 17 Showing Changes